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1. HERewith FULL TEXT DON OBERDORFER BYLINER WASHINGTON
POST THURSDAY DECEMBER 30 HEADED "KISSINGER'S TELEPHONE
NOTES WERE KEPT AT ROCKEFELLER ESTATE."

2. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER'S DISPUTED
RECORDS OF HIS TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WHILE IN OFFICE
WERE HELD UNTIL THIS WEEK IN A "SECURE STORAGE AREA" OF
VICE PRESIDENT NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER'S NEW YORK ESTATE,
THE STATE DEPARTMENT REVEALED YESTERDAY.

3. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT, BY SPOKESMAN JOHN TRATTNER, WAS
THE LATEST DEVELOPMENT IN THE SAGA OF KISSINGER'S DETAILED
AND VOLUMINOUS TELEPHONE RECORDS.

4. KISSINGER HAS CLAIMED THE PAPERS ARE HIS PRIVATE
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PROPERTY. HOWEVER, HE DONATED THEM TO THE LIBRARY OF
CONGRESS IN A DEED SIGNED CHRISTMAS EVE AND HAD THEM
DELIVERED THERE BY PRIVATE VAN TUESDAY "IN ORDER TO REMOVE
ANY POSSIBLE MISINTERPRETATION OF HIS MOTIVES IN HIS FINAL
WEEKS OF GOVERNMENT SERVICE."

5. UNDER THE AGREEMENT WITH THE LIBRARY, KISSINGER OR PERSONS NAMED BY HIM WILL CONTROL ACCESS TO THE TELEPHONE DOCUMENTS FOR 25 YEARS OR FIVE YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH, WHICHEVER IS LATER. BUT THE REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS ANNOUNCED TUESDAY IT WILL FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT TO GAIN GREATER PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE PAPERS.

6. BOB WOODWARD AND CARL BERNSTEIN REPORTED IN THEIR BOOK "THE FINAL DAYS," PUBLISHED EARLIER THIS YEAR, THAT KISSINGER MOVED SOME OF HIS MOST SENSITIVE PAPERS SUCH AS THE TELEPHONE TRANSCRIPTS TO ROCKEFELLER'S ESTATE AT POCANTICO HILLS, N.Y., DURING THE LAST DAYS OF THE NIXON PRESIDENCY. THE BOOK REPORTED THAT "KISSINGER HAD THE FILES RETURNED TO THE WHITE HOUSE" AFTER BEING TOLD BY A LEGAL ADVISER THAT IT WAS AGAINST THE LAW TO STORE CLASSIFIED MATERIAL OUTSIDE GOVERNMENT FACILITIES.

7. IN WRITTEN ANSWERS LATE LAST YEAR IN CONNECTION WITH A SUIT BROUGHT BY FORMER NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL AIDE MORTON H. HALPERIN, KISSINGER SAID THE RECORDS OF HIS TELEPHONE CALLS WHILE IN THE WHITE HOUSE WERE PHYSICALLY AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THE CUSTODY OF HIS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER.

8. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN COULD NOT SAY YESTERDAY WHEN OR UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES THE KISSINGER TELEPHONE TRANSCRIPTIONS WERE TAKEN TO THE ROCKEFELLER ESTATE. TRATTNER SAID THE RECORDS, INCLUDING CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY U.S. AND FOREIGN LEADERS, ARE UNCLASSIFIED, UNCLASSIFIED

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ALTHOUGH KISSINGER IS KNOWN TO CONSIDER THEM EXTREMELY SENSITIVE. (END TEXT)
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